PRIORITY LIST FOR TITLE 22 UPDATE

INFORMATION WE NEED TO MOVE FORWARD

Greg Shea

- 1. Written definitions of recreational space for our city
- 2. Plot what we have with a definition of what type of rec space it is.
- 3. Show with an overlay, communities served.
- 4. Produce a defensible "in lieu of payment" for various parts of the city
- 5. Determine our rec space ratio / break it down by communities
- 6. Determine our goals by community

Diane Butler

- 7. Identify and list all the new greenspace and water access points the city would like to acquire in the new Comp. Plan so that as Program Open Space money becomes available we can apply for it as well as grants.
- 8. Increase Fee-in-lieu to have some relation to the facility that should be provided. \$250 per unit has no relationship to the real cost of adding new parks or even improving existing parks in a meaningful way. If we want to add a few new parks especially in undeserved areas, we need to determine the cost in Annapolis for land on which a park would be located? That should form the basis of the fee.

Ellen Moyer

- 9. Coordination with the County. Every 5 years the County submits a plan to the NPS. Monies from NPS are governed by that plan. The County does NOT include the City in its plan, though recommended by DNR in the planning process 10 years ago to do so. Absence of the city plan impacts the city's ability to secure NPS funds.
 - In the last submission a letter from the than City Admin. Was appended identifying walking and biking trail needs for safe access to Quiet Waters Park.
- 10. At one time the walking trail around the Stadium was under City Rec and Parks management and the parking area grassed fir use as lacrosse and soccer. The city is under the space per population for active sports. Do we count or use the many private tennis courts? Once we had enough to promote a region wide tournament. Collaboration needed.
- 11. HACA has land for recreation. A pool, a ball field, Community centers, street ends along College Creek. However in the past fear of water access has closed off some connection opportunities and needs to be specifically addressed with residents.

POTENTIAL CODE OR PROCESS CHANGES

Marisa Wittlinger

- 1. Rather than collecting fee-in-lieu, I feel the developer should be required to develop new recreation space or improve existing property. We could create a priority project list and provide it to the developer. The first goal should be to create the recreation space onsite then move offsite if onsite is not feasible. It's going to be difficult for existing staff to create all this new recreation space, I suggest we make the developer complete it
- 2. Parks must be within ½ mile of development by pedestrians having access to sidewalk

Diane Butler

3. Change the standard so that at least 70% of the APF compliance must be park/recreation space and 30% can be the increased fee-in-lieu.

Ellen Moyer

- 4. In my view, every developer should include an Open space parcel within its development for play For young children or sitting space for adults in a parklike setting (including the planting of trees in the streetscape.) This does increase the value of the development.
- 5. The Conservancy plan provides a tax incentive for developers that set aside land for open space. The City is the recipient of approx 200 acres of small parcels protected from development. This Provision in the code has been largely ignored by PZ over the years ... resulting in opportunities lost for keeping our city parklike in quality.
- 6. Opportunities lost because we were not at the table... The new library on West street was a perfect site for an outdoor garden, sitting area. Similar to the Balt museum of art. It is also contiguous to the Poplar Trail with access to Germantown school and downtown areas. Amenities for Connectivity Needs to be improved.
- 7. Areas needing more amenities to insure 10 min access to some park ...(and that includes passive parks as street ends, Fleet Street, west street) should be identified mapping future expansion opportunities large and small.
- 8. \$ in lieu of... Well every new dev should be required to provide open space parcel for active or passive recreation. \$ for design relative to needs should go to the Rec and Parks.
- 9. Rec and Parks has a line item in the Annapolis Community Association for receipt of grants or contributions by those wanting a non-profit status. ACF could be a tool or Resource for fees from developers that gives them a credit similar to the IRS provision with Annapolis Conservancy but easier to accomplish. Stanton Center has successfully used ACF for sponsors for its day camp program for many years.

POTENTIAL PROJECTS

Victoria Barstow

- 1. Remediate the shore line around the hiking trail at Truxtun park (starts at water access and goes around the patch of land on Spa Creek) as the shoreline is deteriorating and the trails are subject to erosion
- 2. Completion of the Truxtun Park tennis courts (has been ongoing and botched as it is into its 3rd year)
- 3. Repair and improvement of Clay Street dock, and dock in Eastport on Hawkins Cove near public housing community in Eastport for fishing and water access
- 4. Care and maintenance of Weems-Whalen field next to Bates Middle
- 5. Extension of bike trails/walking trails in and across Annapolis to connect public housing communities with public transport, shopping and other areas of the Community

Sally Nash

6. There should be a playground within a certain number of miles from every home in Annapolis-possibly a 15 minute walk

Diane Butler

- 7. Increase the Fee-in-lieu to help offset the cost to maintain parks and trails. For instance, the amount of work to rid the invasive species damaging the trees in the Truxtun Park walking paths is substantial. If staff is not going to do it, can we start a fund to pay a contractor or incentivize local groups?
- 8. Increase the Fee-in-lieu so that we maintain our water access points. We would like a floating dock at Wells Cove, where there is access to the water but you can't get in and out of a kayak because it is being blocked off by a private floating dock.
- 9. Increase the Fee-in-lieu to help the Annapolis Conservancy Board maintain the areas in Conservation Easements like Jones Cove forest off Chester Ave, which wraps around to Watergate Village entrance.
- 10. Hawkins Cove establish water access.

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- 11. Walking trail connection to other parks as the Children's museum, Md Hall, Truxtun, Back Creek, USNA stadium, Poplar trail, etc needs to be mapped and connectivity completed.
- 12. All parcels within the City and without including Quiet Waters and the City waterworks, schools, St johns, Stadium, HACA and county/State property, trails, (the national east west and north south trails meet here, also the Rochambeau trail) should be Identified as Recreation opportunities.
- 13. Greenscape, a program begun 30 years ago, has contributed to landscapes, streetscapes, tree canopy, flower gardens and should be included in the park program notes
- 14. I have just completed a road trip across the US on old US highways that took me through small town America, pop 1000 or less, struggling towns. However, no matter the size they all had a park and Art in murals and sculptures that also honored their history. Most were sponsored by local community associations or

- individuals. Goodland, Kansas for instance promoted a 80 ft easel of a Van Gogh Sunflower...honoring the Sunflower State (and I suppose attracting visitors to its 3 block downtown) This City has so much potential in its Art community ... coordination with Rec and Parks however is lacking.
- 15. Like the western states so proud of their history we should be telling our stories too. Truxtun and Back creek have interesting stories to tell about their past. Let's tell them.
- 16. Collaboration. Are we actively engaged with the City Dock plan for concerts at the Dock, storytelling in the Burtis house, antique boats with the Annapolis Maritime and Sailing Center, Maritime Museum or the Heritage Commission? The Biking community and coordination with the City bike plan in the Transportation Dept. The Many cultural groups, theatres, treasures galore for this small town.